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UPLIFTED IN SONG - On Sunday, March 1, 188 people gathered at West Hickman Baptist Church for their first Sunday service in their new location. The church burned on Broadway St. in January 2013. A dedication service will be held Sunday, April 19 (tentatively). The opening song was "Build Your Kingdom." The Welcome to West Hickman Baptist Church sign includes the phrase "Connecting People to God and Each Other".

HFRECC names Weatherford interim President and CEO



Debbie Weatherford

The board of Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC announced Friday, Feb. 27 the appointment of Debbie Weatherford as its interim President and CEO effective March 2. The interim appointment is being made as the board evaluates the possibility of a consolidation with Gibson Electric Membership Corporation. Weatherford has 24 ½ years of experience at HFRECC and most recently served as Business and Member Services Manager.

She is married to Steve and has two children, Curtis and Stephanie, and one grandson, Emmett. As interim HFRECC President and CEO, she will be responsible for handling the day to day operations of HFRECC, working with the board and employees to provide reliable, affordable, and safe electricity to the members.

School recoups stolen funds, Vowell asks for shock probation

The Fulton County School Board has been committed to reclaiming lost funds that was reported in a 2014 Forensic Audit Report conducted by Alexander, Thompson, and Arnold out of Murray, Ky. The school board has received payment on the Liberty Mutual Treasury bond that was in the name of Julie Vowell for $150,000 and received a check from Fulton County Court Clerk on the behalf of payments made by Julie Vowell, for $24,850. The Fulton County School Board has fulfilled their commitment to reclaiming the stolen funds and we thank the community for their patience and support to the board's vision of Proficiency, Positive Relationships, and Pilot Pride.

Vowell is currently serving a six-year sentence at Pewee Valley Correctional Facility, after taking a plea on Thursday, June 26 on a lesser charge of 'Abuse of Public Trust under $100,000.' She was back in Fulton Circuit Court on Thursday, Feb. 26 seeking Shock Probation, which was 'Taken Under Advisement'.

School bus gets stuck

Was school back in session too soon?

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Making the call to go to school or not when monitoring the condition of roads after already missing seven days is a row a tough decision. After a Fulton County School bus was stuck in the Henry Addition on Wednesday morning, Feb. 25 some parents, especially those with students on the bus, were not pleased school administrators made the call to put the buses on the roadways, even on a one hour delay schedule.

"I for one was not pleased to learn that the bus my children were on Wednesday morning got stuck," stated Jamie Goodrich. "The kids, faculty, staff and bus drivers' safety should have been the #1 priority in the decision to return to school or take another day. Side roads were still a mess."

Many others chimed in (via Facebook), agreeing with Goodrich, that maybe the school administration should have taken another day, all citing safety as their main concern.

It was noted that the students had to walk down a road in the cold to get on another bus that came to pick them up and transport them to school.

Others started blaming the county for not clearing the roads.

Some added that they choose to take their children to school themselves, but agreed school should have been cancelled for another day.

Goodrich noted that the option is there to take your kids to school yourself, but she and others, unfortunately, don't always have that option. "If school is going to be in session the bus routes should be safe and clear," reiterated Goodrich. "Not to mention the number of faculty members that had to take a chance with unsafe driving conditions in areas."

Hickman County and Carlisle County Schools were back in session on Wednesday, Feb. 25, but Obion County in Tennessee did not go back to school until Friday, Feb. 27. Lake County went back on Thursday, Feb. 26, running buses on roads that were passable.

At one time, Fulton County board members did discuss the possibility of adding an alternate bus route during inclement weather or when road conditions were hazardous in some areas, but not all. With safety as the #1 priority, would that have been an option?

According to KRS 158.110 "Board of education may provide transportation from their general funds or otherwise for any pupil of any grade to the nearest school…." Meaning the district is not required by law to provide transportation, but may choose to do so.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) encourages families to place their children on buses instead of driving them to school in personal vehicles. Their website states, "Students are about 50 times more likely to arrive at school alive if they take the bus than if they drive themselves or ride with friends. But did you

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HFRECC and Gibson EMC continue consolidation study

The Hickman-Fulton Counties RECC (HFRECC) and Gibson Electric Membership Corporation (Gibson EMC) boards have completed a preliminary financial review and have independently voted on behalf of their memberships to proceed with an in-depth consolidation study. The study will include organizational, management, legal, economic, and financial analyses, along with integration planning. HFRECC also completed a preliminary financial review with West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative.

HFRECC Board Chairman David Kimbell said, "We value our relationship with West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative, but we feel it is in our members' best interest to move forward with Gibson EMC for the next phase of the consolidation study. We have been working closely with Gibson EMC for years on shared technical services and middle-mile fiber projects that have benefitted our members," Kimbell said. "We believe a consolidation with Gibson EMC could further benefit our members through improved reliability, lower rates and expanded services." Kimbell said that it is too early in the process to provide specific information about these areas, but explained that the in-depth study will provide the factual information the boards can evaluate and communicate to their cooperative memberships.

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Students climb academic ladder of success

Charlotte Smith
Editor

"This is an opportunity for our community to shine," stated Fulton County Schools Superintendent Aaron Collins as he welcomed everyone to the Pilot Academy Luncheon. Twenty Fulton County High School (FCHS) students, all deemed "college ready," were the guests of honor at the luncheon.

Also guests of honor were representatives from McConnell Insurance, Murray State University (MSU), West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) and everyone else in the room. They were guests of honor because of their support of making education a priority, the Pilot Academy has grown and helped create a cultural change at Fulton County Schools.

"As the students continue to climb that ladder of academic success we have you to thank," added Supt. Collins.

John McConnell, with McConnell Insurance of Murray, Ky., is a new community partner of the Pilot Academy. "I am a son of a retired school teacher," he said before giving the blessing for the meal. "I know how important education is and this is something I want to be a part of in Fulton County."

"We are now in our sixth year," stated Dianne Owen, Director of the Four Rivers Foundation. "We have awarded over 220 students over $250,000 in scholarships, sending them to 20 different technical schools and universities, with a majority of them attending MSU and WKCTC. Owen added that over $7,000 has been donated to the Fulton County Area Technology Center (ATC) and a total of $175,000 to the four area schools, including Fulton County and 5,500 books to kindergarten through fourth grade students.

"Robbie Rudolph, Four Rivers Foundation Founder (FRF), believes in empowering students, teachers, administrators and the community," added Owen. "He doesn't believe throwing money at a problem will make a difference. He believes it also takes a team effort of school administrators, university leaders, and community support to partner together to make a positive impact on many of the families who have benefited from these scholarships." Jeff

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Photo by Barbara Atwill

PILOT ACADEMY STUDENTS - These 20 students from Fulton County High School have obtained between three and 42 college credit hours while still in high school. The Pilot Academy makes it possible for these students to pay nothing for these classes. A celebration on the success of the program was held on Wednesday, Feb. 25 in the Life Enrichment Center of the Hickman First United Methodist Church.

Riverport stays busy, Harbor will be dredged this summer

Charlotte Smith
Editor

The Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority loaded 34 grain barges during the month of January. "We are staying busy," stated Port Director Greg Curlin. "We still need to resolve our crane issue, but we are handling grain barges on both conveyors."

While the crane is down, the Port has been working in partnership with Riverfront Limestone. "Working with Riverfront has been a good partnership while we explore all avenues of the type of replacement crane that will be best suited for our harbor's needs."

Curlin did share a photo of a Manitowoc 3900W crane located in Alabama, owned by H&E Equipment Services with board members Vice Chairman Mike Taylor, Lucas Goodman, Monroe Bellew, and Will Rice during the Tuesday night, Feb. 24 meeting. "I went to see this crane and others," he said. "The 3900W can't handle the heavy loads that we are looking for, but it will fit our unloading

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Spring Countdown
14 days

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Obituaries

James (Jimmy) Amberg, Jr.

Donald Eugene "Gene" Riley

Tice Ray Beaman

Rain Watch

March 2015 - 0.09 inches
www.kymesonet.org

River Stage Forecasts

Ohio River at Cairo, Ill.

Wednesday, March 4 – 23.4
Thursday, March 5 – 22.5
Friday, March 6 – 24.5
Saturday, March 7 – 26.8
Sunday, March 8 – 29.3



Your Local Weather

Thu 3/5	Fri 3/6	Sat 3/7	Sun 3/8	Mon 3/9
35/14	25/-2	34/11	38/23	42/28
Cloudy with a wintry mix. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the mid teens.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 20s and lows -4 to 0F.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low teens.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 20s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 20s.

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Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago
March 8, 1990

Obituaries: Elva C. Archie, 78; Walter Ross, 64; Mrs. Narie McClanahan, 76.

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Pictured: The Middle School Junior Pilots ended a perfect season (11-0) by winning the District Basketball Tournament. They were named "District Champions" after beating the Hickman County team in the finals of the tournament on Feb. 17. Members of the team and their coaches included Coach Laura Mai McNeill, Mgr. Jarvis Wilson, Stevie Smith, Marty Dinwiddie, Bobby Giles, Harold Sanders, Jason Lattus, Anthony Smith, Mgr. Charles Buntyn, Chris Harvey, Brad Carlton, Steve Cheirs, Joey Bumpous, Kirk Barnett, Mancel Elam, Tyrone Elam, Jeff Williamson, Ricky Conley, Shane McNeill and Jereome Warren. *(See photo below, right)*

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A seven-year-old boy was injured when he was struck by a car about 4:00 p.m., Tuesday afternoon, according to a Hickman Police report. James Albert Griffin suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and possibly other injuries, according to Hickman Police Sergeant Larry Evans. The accident occurred when Nancy Barber, 17, was driving a 1987 Pontiac north on Bernal Avenue. After a car in front of Barber went by, Griffin ran into the path of the Pontiac, the report stated. Griffin, grandson of Mrs. Ethel Griffin, was taken to Parkway Regional Hospital by a unit of the Hickman Ambulance Service. No charges were issued in the accident.

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Pictured: Mother's Day Card Contest winners in Mrs. Barbara Young's homeroom class at Fulton County Middle School were Robin Wood, Jill Sheehan, Alison Caldwell, Cory Sims and Christopher Coulson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blanton visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Jones. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. James Howard Owens.

50 Years Ago
March 11, 1965

The Hickman Electric Plant Board this week notified Kentucky Utilities Company of an April 15 closing date for the sale and purchase of the Hickman City System and fringe system. The action will bring to a close a movement to get low-cost power for Hickman, which started in January of 1962.

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Steve Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dyer, has received principal nomination to the air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., from Senator John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.).

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R. A. Edwards, ship serviceman first class, who has been assigned as the Navy recruiter for the Union City area for the last three years has received orders for transfer to the USS LaSalle AN LPD 3 at Little Creek, Va.

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The City Council has set a $5.00 fee for a building permit after it was learned that the council had passed an ordinance requiring a building permit without specifying a fee.

75 Years Ago
March 8, 1940

Mirror Lake Club delegates from Hickman, the only town representing Fulton County at the organization of the Jackson Purchase Conservation Affiliated Club for the preservation of fish and game held at Mayfield Tuesday night, came away with a fair share of the honors and made a fine showing for the sports fans of this section. The delegates were: James Prather, Charlie Creed and D.P. Aquino. They were accompanied by James Amberg and Ernest Johnson all of Hickman.

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By action of the Fulton County Board of Education at their regular meeting Saturday, Sylvan Shade High School will be discontinued and the pupils transferred to Hickman, beginning with the school term next fall. The Board will furnish transportation and pay the tuition of the pupils who come to the Hickman High School and thereby give them the advantage of a bigger school, which meets all the standards for accrediting with the state department of education.

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Hickman made a good showing at the district tournament, losing by a mere two points in the final game Saturday night to Cunningham. The Wildcats will be playing Reidland in the First Regional Basketball Tournament at Murray State College at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

125 Years Ago
March 8, 1890

Mr. John J. Hainsworth, representing L.P. Ramsey, waterworks contractor of Chicago, was in Hickman Wednesday, for the purpose of making a proposition to our Mayor and Council for water works at Hickman. He thinks Hickman is admirably situated for a cheap and bountiful system. He proposes to construct and put in operation here a plant for $25,000 in city bonds.

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While Hickman is not on a spasmodic boom, we can see evidences of thrift and substantial growth. The "old reliable" Hickman wagon works, the box factory, East Hickman Manufacturing Co. and other smaller factories are running on full time and add much to the life of the city. The new depot is about completed and many new and handsome residences have been built recently.

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Dr. S.K. Davison, dentist, after an absence of several weeks, has returned home and can now be found in his office ready to do any kind of dental work.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mrs. Smith

Thank you for your continuing support of the veterans' display in the former Carnegie Library. Recently you showed a priceless picture of Roper and Billy Henry. Two United States Marines of WW II and Roper went on to fight in the Korean Conflict. Unfortunately he was killed in one of the early battles after the Chinese intervention. I remember that Billy was also airborne qualified. Rare for a Marine in those days. Obviously he was in a more than elite unit. I wish that there was a record of his exploits as well as those of Roper. The Frank Henrys, their parents, lived in a big home at the corner of Hwy 94 and Roper School Road. My Holland Grandparents lived across the road in a long gone home called the Clark Place.

I was further taken back to earlier times when you showed a picture of Mr. Irby Hammonds. He was a special friend of my Dad, Clardy Neal Holland, who was also a WW I veteran. I believe that Mr. Hammonds was highly decorated. Someone could look at the discharge records in the Fulton County Court Clerk's office where there are a lot of discharges that were recorded for free when Dad was the Clerk. Please keep up the series. Someone might look for pictures or stories of Mr. Ben Lattus, 'Bub' Hunziker, Catlett Graves, Charlie Fethe, Len and Willie Williams, and Dee McNeill come to mind. A look at the American Legion records of the Thirties might also be profitable.

Again, thanks for the wonderful stories that warm the heart of this old vet.

David K. Holland



Photo by Charlotte Smith

FLAG DONATION - On Thursday, Feb. 26 Woodmen of the World Representatives donated a flag to the Hickman Chamber of Commerce to be flown near the gazebo on the Hickman Bluff. Those gathered for the donation ceremony include (l to r) Martha Campbell, Linda Rice, Dorothy Lee Harris, Bro. James Roberson, Joe Mack Brunswick, and Julia Davis.

E.W. James affirms commitment to remaining the leading local grocer in the Hickman community

E.W. James appointments Barry James President

E.W. James and Sons Supermarkets proudly announces that Barry James has been appointed president of the company, effective immediately. Mr. James, who is the grandson of the company's founder E.W. James, brings more than 30 years of relevant industry experience to his new role at the company. With this announcement, company officials and the James family will no longer pursue a sale of the company and renew their commitment to remaining one of the leading local grocers in the Hickman community.

"As a family-oriented company, I am pleased to welcome Barry back to E.W. James as part of our senior management team," said Lee Ann James, CEO of E.W. James and Sons Supermarkets. "Like others in our family, Barry started his career working for E.W. James and built his foundation in retail grocery by understanding the importance of providing customers with the freshest produce, meats, and bakery products. Barry used this experience to become a proven leader with a strong track record in our highly competitive and ever-changing industry."

"My grandfather started E.W. James with the belief that the success of the company depends upon our ability to treat employees and customers as if they are a part of the James family," said Barry James, president of E.W. James and Sons Supermarkets.

Mr. James continued, "I realize our dedicated employees and loyal customers have faced a lot of uncertainties during recent years, but I want to ensure them that I am truly committed to the continuation of this tradition where customer service and satisfaction are our number one priority. E.W. James is here to stay in Hickman, and I will work hard every day to gain their support so our company will remain one of the leading grocers in the community."

"My grandfather always said 'The sale is not final until the meal is enjoyed.' This concept embodies my future outlook for E.W. James, and I encourage everyone to visit one of our stores and see why we want to earn your business and make you part of our family at E.W. James," stated Mr. James.

In his new role as president of the company, Mr. James will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of 13 grocery stores (8 E.W. James stores, three Save-A-Lot stores and two Cash Saver stores) in 10 communities throughout northwest Tennessee and southwest Kentucky. He will also lead efforts to grow the company by reinvesting in the grocery stores for all markets.

Ms. James said, "We are very fortunate to have Barry assume the role of president of E.W. James, given his dedication, experience and proven leadership. He truly embodies the spirit and essence of what has made E.W. James one of the leading grocers in our region, and I believe our grandfather would be proud to know he is part of the team that will shepherd our company into the future."

E.W. James & Sons Supermarkets

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Deed Transfers

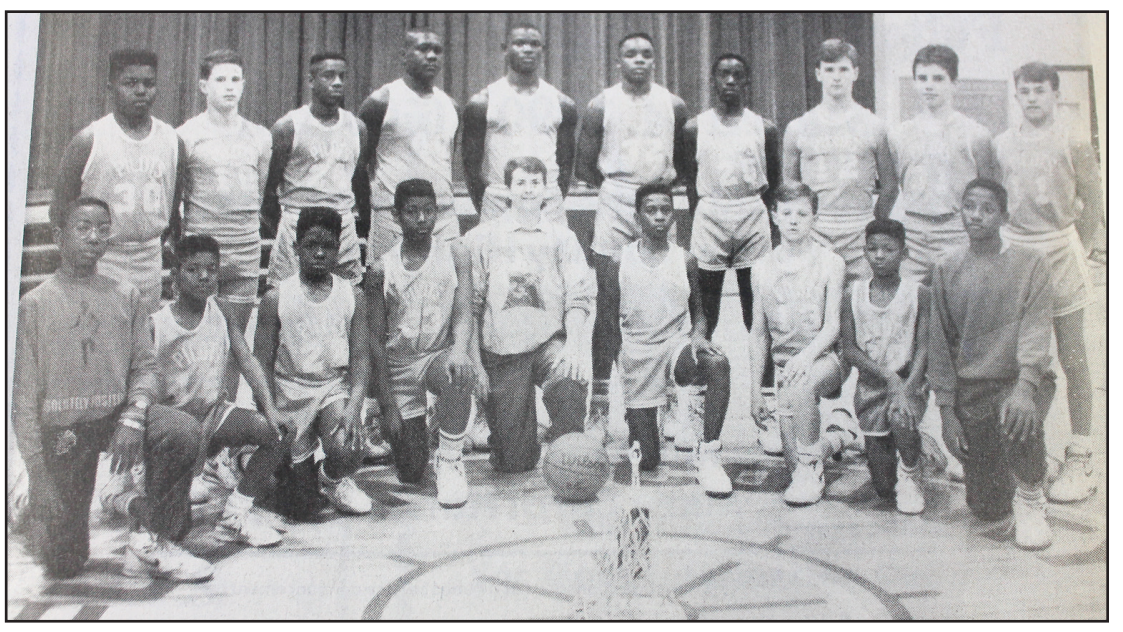
The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Friday, Feb. 20 through Thursday, Feb. 26.

Karla Annette Best (f/k/a Karla Annette Eck, a/k/a Karla Best) by and through her Power of Attorney, Brenda Phillips, and her husband Joe Preston Best, by and through his Power of Attorney, Amanda Weese, of Clarksville, Tenn. to David Lusk and wife Jennifer Lusk of Fulton, Ky., property in Fulton County, Ky., value $35,000.00, Feb. 20.

Fifth Third Mortgage Company of Cincinnati, Ohio to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation of McLean, Va., property in city of Hickman, value $9,334.00, Feb. 20.

Courtney Mason, Executrix of the Estate of Thomas Ladd Stokes and husband Jeff Mason to Courtney Mason and Troy Ladd Stokes, property n Fulton County, Ky., value $185,500.00, Feb. 23.

Jeffrey Todd Long and his wife, Ashley Long of Greenfield, Tenn. to Billy A. Ward of Troy, Tenn., property in city of Fulton, value $1,500.00, Feb. 26.



YEARS AGO FEATURED PHOTO - The Middle School Junior Pilots ended a perfect season (11-0) by winning the District Basketball Tournament. They were named "District Champions" after beating the Hickman County team in the finals of the tournament on Feb. 17. Members of the team and their coaches included Coach Laura Mai McNeill, Mgr. Jarvis Wilson, Stevie Smith, Marty Dinwiddie, Bobby Giles, Harold Sanders, Jason Lattus, Anthony Smith, Mgr. Charles Buntyn, Chris Harvey, Brad Carlton, Steve Cheirs, Joey Bumpous, Kirk Barnett, Mancel Elam, Tyrone Elam, Jeff Williamson, Ricky Conley, Shane McNeill and Jereome Warren.



Dave Says...



by Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

Should you budget for mad money, or just carrying around cash, when you're trying to get out of debt?

Aurora

Dear Aurora,

What really matters is the *amount* of mad money you allow yourself to have. Everyone needs a little pocket money. It's probably not going to throw you off too much if you put $10 or $20 in there. But $100 or $200? That's a bit much when you're scrimping, saving and supposedly working hard to get out of debt.

Think of it as a safety valve, Aurora. Everyone needs a break and a little fun now and then. Whether it's grabbing lunch out, or going to a movie once in a while, you need to relax and let off little steam.

Just make it part of your regular monthly budget, and stick to the amount. Little things like this will help keep your total money makeover moving in the right direction without wearing you out!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife passed away last year, and she was just 43-years old. I paid cash for the funeral and all the arrangements. Now, I'm getting solicitations from the funeral home, wanting me to prepay my own funeral. I'm 45-years-old. Is this a good idea?

Dave

Dear Dave,

God bless you and your family. I'm so sorry you have to go through this, but I'm glad to hear you were in good enough shape financially to handle the burden. That means you were both very wise with your money.

My advice is to pre-plan, but don't prepay. As you discovered, having to make important decisions in the midst of that kind of grief is a hard thing to do. Sometimes, people are so emotional during times like these that they make bad decisions. So, pre-planning and making selections ahead of time is a great idea.

But it's never a good idea to pre*pay* for this kind of thing, and here's why. If you live to an average age, for what you'd prepay today at age 45, you could invest the amount, be self-insured for that kind of thing, and in all likelihood have a ton of money sitting there when your time comes.

Events like this make you realize the need for proper planning, but don't ever prepay them. Lots of people in the funeral industry don't like me for this stance, but that's just because they make lots of money on prepayment plans.

—Dave

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RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER - Supporting and working at The Citizens Bank Relay for Life Baked Potato fundraiser on Friday include: (clockwise from top, l to r) Pat Parnell, Swanee Rice, Chris Rodgers, Phyllis Bryant and Bo Eddington, and Brook Cermak. They served 183 baked potatoes.

Photos by Barbara Atwill



CITY AND COUNTY MANAGERS MEET IN FRANKFORT - Local City Managers Johnny McTurner of Hickman, Cubb Stokes of Fulton and John Ward of Calvert City were recently in Frankfort to attend the Kentucky City/County Managers Association Conference and Board Meeting.

McTurner attends Kentucky City/County Managers Association Conference in Frankfort

Johnny McTurner, Hickman City Manager, gathered with more than thirty other Kentucky city and county managers for the annual winter conference of the Kentucky City/County Managers Association (KCCMA) and Board of Directors meeting.

KCCMA president, John Ward, CAO of Calvert City, presided over the annual event. Training workshops were offered on topics including Working Successfully with the Media, Participatory Budgeting, HR You Should Know, and Planning and Implementing. In addition to the educational workshops, the managers were updated on current legislative issues pertinent to city and county governments.

"We were pleased to host the 2015 KCCMA Winter Conference in Frankfort, following the Kentucky League of Cities City Day and City Night activities," said President Ward.

"The purpose of KCCMA is to encourage professionalism, competency and the value of professional management for cities and counties in Kentucky. It is also to promote and encourage the adherence to high ethical conduct and standards for its members."

KCCMA meets semiannually and remains in contact with members regularly to fulfill their mission. This year, for the first time in its history, KCCMA offered regional MPA students an educational scholarship to attend the KCCMA Winter Conference. David Gregory and Susan Meeks from the city of Berea, and University of Kentucky Martin School student S.J. Harris and Western Kentucky University student, Richard Green, were the recipients of this year's scholarships.

Of these first-time scholarships, president Ward said, "It is the desire of KCCMA to promote professional and ethical standards in those who would follow us. Professional management strives to prepare the next generation and our communities for an orderly transition. It may be that these very students are a part of our legacy."

The KCCMA Scholarship Committee, Board of Directors, and members agreed, that the first year of offering student scholarships was a success and plan to continue to offer MPA student scholarships to their future meetings.

The Kentucky City/County Management Association (KCCMA) is made up of city managers, city administrators, and county administrators from nearly 50 cities and/or counties in Kentucky.

"This was a tremendous opportunity to meet with other managers from across Kentucky and discuss the issues that affect the people of the City of Hickman and every community in the Commonwealth", said Johnny McTurner City Manager "This event provides a great forum to explore different methods or techniques, and gain new insight."

The Kentucky City County Managers Association is a membership organization which exists to improve the quality of government, cities, counties and services throughout Kentucky. To learn more about the organization, visit www.kccma.org.

WKCTC scholarship application deadline

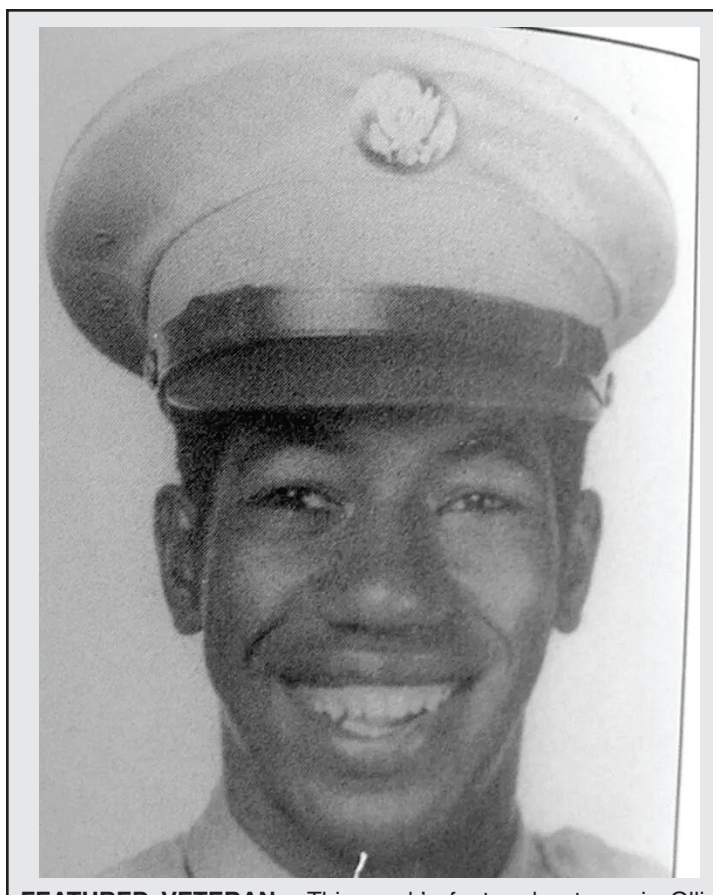
The deadline to apply for a 2015-16 scholarship at West Kentucky Community and Technical College is March 9 by noon.

Scholarship applications are only accepted online at http://www.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/Costs_and_Financial_Aid/Scholarship_Information.aspx.

Application and supporting documentation must be received by the stated deadline.

WKCTC recognizes and rewards outstanding scholastic achievements by awarding merit-based scholarships and special awards to deserving students.

For more information about scholarships, contact the WKCTC scholarship office at (270) 534-3065 or visit westkentucky.kctcs.edu.



FEATURED VETERAN - This week's featured veteran is Ollie Dennis Kane - US Army - World War II. He was the son of photographer Dennis Kane. It is also believed that he was the great-nephew of Mrs. Willie Atkins. (Info provided by Jackie Baker Weigant.) Barbara Yandal adds the following: He grew up on Park Street with his aunt who raised him. His father was the first black photographer that she remembers who always took photographs during the 8th of August Homecoming Celebration in the early days when the celebration was at Stubbs Park in East Hickman and later at Earnest Morris's (The Post). Ollie Dennis Kane married a lady from Union City, Tenn. His other aunts were Myrtle Yancy and Cora Underwood. The Hickman Chamber of Commerce has been adding veterans' photos to their display. The Carnegie Library is home to the museum, which has on display photos of many of the veterans from this area. Stop by Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to visit it.

A WILDERNESS VOICE

by Tom Hoskins

SALVATION

I referred you the other week to Adam and how God dealt with his sin. The procedure has not changed. All the elements of salvation are there. Having sinned Adam feared God. He realized he was no longer fit to enter God's presence thus he hid. He tried to redeem himself by his own provision, works; fig leaves that he made to cover his nakedness before God. The sinner is naked before God having no righteousness of his own. Adam's effort was an utter failure.

Dare man with his sinful hands, his corrupt conversation, manner of life, believe he can aid and help the precious blood of Christ to redeem himself (1Per.1: 18-21). Banish the thought! Our salvation was secured and complete on the cross when Jesus cried, "It is finished." Adam demonstrated a repentant heart and faith in the sacrifice as he and Eve stood humbly in God's presence and received the 'coats of skin' (Gen. 3:21). This was reality of their sin forgiven and a type of our righteousness received in Christ.

It is when we have stopped resisting the convicting work of the Holy Spirit, recognized our sin, have godly sorrow which produces repentance that leads to faith and salvation that we are truly saved. (See 2 Cor. 7:10) Then, "For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8,9). You will note it is grace first and then Christian works (v10). Salvation then service, new birth then a new man, "created unto good works." Works are the product of salvation not the production. Salvation is a gift of God (v8). See also Romans 6:23. You don't work for a gift. True salvation shuts the mouth of man from saying I did this or that. It's all of God "lest any man should boast." Beware of boasting (Romans 3:27,8).

Senior Spirit

By Charlotte Smith

It is easier to follow the "My Plate" philosophy on nutrition by choosing a variety of foods, especially proteins. Protein foods include both animal (meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs) and plant (beans, peas, soy products, nuts, and seeds) sources. We all need protein – but most Americans eat enough, and some eat more than they need.

Most people, ages 9 and older, should eat 5 to 7 ounces of protein.

Aging decreases the body's ability to absorb protein in addition to decreasing the amount of protein that is created in the body. The U.S. Department of Agriculture suggest that males who are ages 51 and older, with a moderate level of activity, consume 5.5 ounces of protein daily, while females in the same age group are recommended to eat 5.0 ounces of protein daily. Protein intake may be adjusted up to 6.5 ounces for males and 5.5 ounces for females based on higher levels of activity.

Here are several tips on ways to make sure you are getting the protein you need:

• Vary your protein food choices – Eat a variety of foods from the Protein Foods Group each week. Experiment with main dishes made with beans or peas, nuts, soy, and seafood.

• Choose seafood twice a week – Eat seafood in place of meat or poultry twice a week. Select a variety of seafood-include some that are higher in oils and low in mercury, such as salmon, trout, and herring.

• Make meat and poultry lean or low fat – Choose lean or low-fat cuts of meat like round or sirloin and ground beef that is at least 90% lean. Trim or drain fat from meat and remove poultry skin.

• Eat plant protein foods more often – Try beans and peas (kidney, pinto, black, or white beans, split peas, chickpeas, hummus) soy products (tofu, tempeh, veggie burgers), nuts, and seeds. They are naturally low in saturated fat and high in fiber.

• Nuts and seeds – Choose unsalted nuts or seeds as a snack, on salads, or in main dishes to replace meat or poultry. Nuts and seeds are a concentrated source of calories, so eat small portions to keep calories in check.

• Keep it tasty and healthy – Try grilling, broiling, roasting or baking – they don't add extra fat. Some lean meats need slow, moist cooking to be tender – try a slow cooker for them. Avoid breading meat or poultry, which adds calories.

• Think small when it comes to meat portions – Get the flavor you crave but in a smaller portion. Make or order a smaller burger or a "petite" size steak.

• Check the sodium – Check the Nutrition Facts label to limit sodium. Salt is added to many canned foods – including beans and meats. Many processed meats – such as ham, sausage, and hot dogs – are high in sodium. Some fresh chicken, turkey, and pork are brined in a salt solution for flavor and tenderness.

Weekly activities at the Senior Center include Monday, March 9: 10:30 – Kris Moore and 11:30 – Bingo; Wednesday, March 11: 10:30 – Lana Livigni with Life Line and Exercise, 11:30 – Birthday Party

Bingo is played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week (25¢ a card) on these days immediately following lunch, at approximately 11:30.

Rook winners last week were Shirley Shaw, Julia Davis, Robert White, Helen Drewry, Lana Edwards, Josephine Warren, Vonciel Leyhue, Maria Jackson, and Judy Milner.

The following items will be served at the Senior Center next week:

Monday, March 9

Pepper steak, rice, Italian green beans, whole-wheat roll, tapioca pudding, and skim milk.

Tuesday, March 10

Meat loaf, roasted red potatoes, glazed carrots, whole-wheat roll, fruit cup, and skim milk.

Wednesday, March 11

Barbecue pork, lima beans, marinated cucumbers, onions, tomatoes, sliced strawberries, whole-wheat bread, and skim milk.

Thursday, March 12

Honey Glazed chicken, baked potato, seasoned cabbage, whole-wheat bread, sliced pineapple, and skim milk.

Friday, March 13

Baked ziti, tossed salad, whole-wheat roll, black forest cake, and skim milk.

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Cayce Cancer Crew held a Bunco fundraiser for Relay for Life at Cayce United Methodist Church on Thursday, Feb. 26. A good size crowd attended and enjoyed the many delicious soups and desserts and then play Bunco. Another Bunco Fundraiser has been scheduled for Thursday, April 16 at 6 p.m. Make plans to attend.







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Obituaries

James (Jimmy) Amberg, Jr.

Mr. James (Jimmy) Hubbard Amberg, Jr., 65, a resident of Dresden, Tenn., died February 25, 2015, at his residence.

Born March 22, 1949, he was the son of the late James H. Amberg, Sr. and Barbara Kettler Amberg. He was retired from Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and he was a member of South Fulton Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Janice Marie Dillon Amberg of Dresden; two sons, James H. (Trey) Amberg III of Nashville, Tenn., and Brandon (Marcie) Roland of Memphis, Tenn.; two daughters, Renee Amberg Hovis of Nashville and Amy Bell of Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, John (Jack) (Sherry) Amberg of Houston, Texas; one sister, Jane (Phil) Woellner of Danville, Ky.; and two grandchildren, Collin Hovis and Payton Roland.

Funeral services were held March 1, at Murphy Funeral Home in Dresden with Rev. Ron Cox officiating. Burial followed in Rutherford Cemetery in Rutherford, Tenn.

Donald Eugene "Gene" Riley



Donald Eugene "Gene" Riley, 78, a resident of Hickman, Ky., died February 26, 2015 at his daughter's home in Obion, Tenn.

Born February 3, 1937 in Kenton, Tenn., he was the son of the late Jim Lovell Riley and Mabel (Prescott) Riley. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army and a member of the Sassafras Ridge Baptist Church. He was a retired auto, small engine and towboat mechanic. He was employed by the Hickman Country Club.

Survivors include one son, Donald Riley of Hickman; two daughters, Gwen Stafford of Obion and Debbie Underwood of Fulton, Ky.; one brother, Billy Joe Riley of Ledbetter, Ky., three sisters, Faye Anderson and Brenda Roberson, both of Hickman, and Wanda Garland of Union City, Tenn.; six grandchildren, John Alexander of Hickman, D. J. Riley of Troy, Christopher Stafford of Union City, Jeremy Riley of Obion, Jessica Brimm of Friendship, Tenn., and Chelsea Riley of York, Penn.; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Carrolene Riley, and two brothers, Laymon Riley and Jerry Riley.

Funeral services were held March 1, at Strong Funeral Home in Hickman with Rev. Henry Callison officiating. Burial, with military rites, followed in the Brownsville Cemetery near Hickman.

Pallbearers were Daniel Williams, D.J. Roberson, Billy Joe Jones, Jackie Curlin, Andrew Anderson, and Robbie Woods. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Woods, Richard Lee Jones, Joe Kemp Johnson, and Earl Hightower.

Tice Ray Beaman



Tice Ray Beaman, 71, a resident of Sebring, Fla., died February 25, 2015 at Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring.

Born April 26, 1943, he was the son of the late Jack Ray and Ruth Evelyn Beaman. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served 22 years. He was of Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Linda (Amberg) Beaman of Sebring; two daughters, Heather (William) Turner of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Jennifer (Steven) DeMay of Chuckey, Tenn.; two sisters, Lynda (Ralf) Davidson and Debbie (Rod) Foster, both of Elliston, Va.; and four grandchildren, Alaina DeMay, Erik DeMay, Drew Turner and Lauren Turner.

Funeral services were held March 2, at Strong Funeral Home in Hickman, Ky., with Rev. Bill Amberg officiating. Burial followed in the Hubbard-Amberg Cemetery.

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Lynn Busby
Executive Director

Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Wednesday, Feb. 25 through Monday, March 2

Wednesday, Feb. 25:

• Paulette Thomas of Clinton, Ky., black female, citation, speeding 70/55 mph zone.

• Brandon L. Fout of South Fulton, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone.

Thursday, Feb. 26:

• Timothy Hale of Dowelltown, white male, arrested, failure to pay child support.

Friday, Feb. 27:

• Genie Amador of Hickory, Ky., Hispanic female, citation, speeding 82/70 mph zone.

• Danny Wilson of South Fulton, Tenn., white male, arrested, failure to appear.

• Janice A. Nolan of Hickman, Ky., black female, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone.

• Ricky A. Trice of Mayfield, Ky., black male, arrested, speeding 86/55 mph zone, reckless driving, and failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 2nd offense.

• Michael L. Ray of Tiptonville, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 85/55 mph zone, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st offense.

• Joshua Burton of Fulton, Ky., black male, arrested, failure to pay child support.

• Joshua Burton of Fulton, black male, arrested, giving officer false name or address.

Monday, March 2:

• Michael E. Cagle of Hickman, white male, arrested, failure to appear.

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Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Monday, Feb. 16 – Sunday, Feb. 22:

Monday, Feb. 23:

• Assisted Tri-City EMS on Allison St.

• Responded to a call at Little General.

• Traffic stop on Bernal Ave.

• Traffic stop on 7th St. – Thomas Mitchell arrested on a warrant for other agency.

• Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.

• Responded to a call on Bayou St.

• Investigated a suspicious person on Shelby Ridge Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 24:

• Traffic stop on Carroll St.

• Motorist assist at the Hickman Harbor.

• Motorist assist on 4th St.

• Civil Standby at Holly Ct.

• Responded to a loud music complaint on 7th St.

• Responded to a call on 4th St.

Wednesday, Feb. 25:

• Responded to a call on Johnson St.

• Responded to an animal complaint on King St.

• Responded to a call at Hickman Manor Apts.

• Responded to a residential alarm.

• Responded to a call at E.W. James.

• Responded to a call at Davis Park.

Thursday, Feb. 26:

• Responded to a 911 Hang Up on Clay St.

• Responded to a 911 Hang Up on Marion Ave.

• Responded to a call at Holly Ct.

• Responded to a call at EW James – Jessica Vinson arrested for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

Friday, Feb. 27:

• Responded to a call on Terrace Dr.

• Hickman Vol. Fire Dept. responded to a chicken coop fire on Broadway St.

• Responded to a call on Park St.

Saturday, Feb. 28:

• Hickman Vol. Fire Dept. responded to a barn fire on St. Rt. 925.

• Responded to a 911 Hang Up on Clay St.

• Responded to a noise complaint on 7th St.

• Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.

• Traffic stop on Bernal Ave.

• Traffic stop on Moscow Ave. – Mark Roberson arrested for disregarding stop sign, reckless driving, operating motor vehicle under the influence, and possession of open alcohol beverage.

• Traffic stop on 1099 Bypass

Sunday, March 1:

• Responded to a call on Cedar St.

• Responded to a call at the police department.

• Responded to a call on Cedar St.

• Responded to a call on 4th St.

• Assisted other agency on Catlett St.

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• School buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth to school.

• School buses keep an annual estimated 17.3 million cars off roads surrounding schools each morning.

Retired bus driver Jim Williams whose route included all of east Hickman, Davis Park and east of Seventh Street believes that Fulton County Superintendent Aaron Collins and Director of Transportation Dale Jackson have a very difficult job. "They are both outstanding men and love their school and students," he said. "They would never intentionally put the safety of the students in danger. They called off for seven straight days. They thought they could get the students there safely or they never would have made the decision to go."

Williams also points out that Fulton County has some of the best, if not the best bus drivers in the state. "They would never take a risk with your kids either."

Williams performed training for the bus drivers in the district. "First thing we tell new drivers when we train them is 'Safety above Schedule,' even if you have to drive 25 mph, get them there safely."

In his 15 years of driving Williams never had a weather related accident. "There are other things to consider when transporting children on school buses," he said, "Such as dogs darting out in front of you, fog, driving back in the dark on a rainy night for a school related event and even the actions of the children."

"Statistics show that a bus driver makes a lot of decisions while out on a bus route," added Williams. "You definitely have to be on your toes at all times, not just when the roads may be hazardous."

Bus monitors have assisted the drivers, immensely, when it comes to distractions, Williams pointed out. "Kids would call out my name and want to tell me something, but I had to keep focused on driving," he said. "Disciplining the students isn't always an easy decision either, but decisions regarding how to handle that also have to be made."

Back to road conditions, Williams noted if you went by the condition of Cedar Hill or Bond Hill in Hickman, that area itself would be enough to cancel school for an extended period of time. "If that area was iffy we would also look at Brownsville," said Williams. "Usually you can pretty well determine by looking at the city roads as to what call to make."

Williams knows that it is a privilege to have school buses transport the students to and from school, not a law. "I was a bus driver because I love the students," he said. "I did it for them."

Many mornings during times of inclement weather he would wake up and call Jackson to see if a decision had been made. "He would already be headed in to town, checking the roads out beginning at 4 a.m., before making the call," he said.

Williams remembers an incident a couple of years ago involving inclement weather. "We had already started picking the kids up to take them to school when it started to snow," he said. "The decision was made to take them to school instead of turning around and taking them back home." It was later determined that the buses couldn't get them home safely so parents were called in to pick up the students that could and others were transported home in vehicles equipped with four wheel drive.

"That is the only time I remember when a decision was made and it didn't pan out," Williams noted. "Sometimes you just never know. It is always a judgement call."

"Our goal, in all we do, is to be safe and proficient," commented Supt. Collins. "On Wednesday, Feb. 25, we had a bus become stuck in the Henry Addition Area. Proper procedures and protocols were followed and the Director of Transportation immediately went to evaluate the situation. The bus, students, and staff were never in harms way. A second bus was brought in, students were safely moved to that bus and arrived safely on Fulton County School District property at 9 a.m."

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Bluff Briefs

Clarification

In the "Random Acts of Kindness" article in the February 26 edition of The Hickman Courier, it stated that Faren Russell was injured while at work. It should have stated that she injured herself pulling a muscle while coughing and still worked at the Dollar General.

Fulton Rotary Benefit Golf Scramble

Fulton Rotary Club will host a Benefit Golf Scramble on Friday, May 8, at 1:00 p.m., at the Fulton Country Club. Space is limited to the first 36 paid teams! $300 per 4-person team (includes cart, green fee, entry fee, lunch, and mulligans). Lunch served from 11:30 - 12:45. A $10,000 prize for hole-in-one and other on course prizes will be awarded. Each member of the winning team will receive a new putter valued at over $150 each. Contact 270-472-2800 to enter a team, to be a hole sponsor, or donate a door prize. All proceeds go directly to the Fulton Rotary Club scholarship fund.

Senior Citizens Spaghetti Supper

The Fulton County Senior Citizens of Hickman will have their annual Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, March 26 from 4 – 6 p.m. The meal will be served at the Hickman Senior Center, located at 1404 Liberty St., Hickman. Eat-in or carry-out. Delivery will be made to homebound individuals. Tickets are available at the senior center or call 270-236-2826 to reserve your $6.00 tickets.

Fulton County Ag Development Council Meeting

The Fulton County Age Development Council Meeting will be held Friday, March 13 at 8 a.m. at the Fulton County Extension Office in Hickman, Ky.

Obion Creek Watershed Directors to meet

The Obion Creek Watershed Conservancy District Board of Directors will meet Tuesday morning, March 10, at 7:30 a.m., in the USDA Service Center, Conference Room, Clinton, Ky. The public is invited to attend.

West Tennessee Photographers Guild to meet

The West Tennessee Photographers Guild will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m., at the Obion Co. Public Library. The program will be night photography, shooting the moon and stars, landscapes, and ghost imaging.

E.W. James

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E.W. James & Sons Supermarkets was started in 1934 when a 31-year-old fur and pecan trader, E.W. James, purchased a small grocery store in Hickman, Kentucky. Thanks to his dedication to customer service, family, and hard work, the company continued to grow and eventually expanded into other markets outside of Hickman. This success was driven by E.W. James' belief that "the sale is not final until the meal is enjoyed." This idea continues today and serves as the hallmark for every E.W. James Supermarket, where customers will always find the freshest produce, meat, and bakery products and know that customer service and satisfaction are the company's foremost goal.

HFRECC and Gibson

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Gibson EMC Board Chairman Steve Sanders added, "Both of our boards feel it is prudent for our co-ops to go through this process, but like HFRECC, Gibson EMC's board will only go forward if doing so will benefit our members for the long-term. And, as not-for-profit, member-owned and member-controlled cooperatives, we are committed to openly communicating to our members and employees what we learn."

Kimbell and Sanders have signed a memorandum of understanding that sets out the next steps and the required outcomes to move forward. Once the study is completed, the boards will again independently vote whether or not to proceed with the process that could lead to a consolidation. The memorandum of understanding establishes the decision criteria. It states that for the good of both cooperatives and to add value for their members, a consolidation should: (1) save money for members, (2) ensure that nobody gets hurt (through the protection of employees' jobs), and (3) create a better utility. If, after the in-depth study, both boards vote to proceed, then HFRECC's membership would vote. If HFRECC's members support the consolidation, then Gibson EMC's members would vote. The co-ops' memberships ultimately would make any consolidation decision.

The electric systems of Gibson EMC and HFRECC connect along the Tennessee and Kentucky border. HFRECC serves about 3,700 residents and businesses in Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle and Graves counties in Western Kentucky and portions of Obion and Lake counties in Northwest Tennessee. Gibson EMC serves about 35,000 members in parts of eight Northwest Tennessee counties (Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Haywood, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion and Madison).

Dredging Harbor

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bridge. I am still working with the engineers to see if we can do a crawler or will need to stay with a pedestal type crane."

He also added that a new feature that port crane users are installing is a camera installed on the tip of the boom to look directly down in the barge. "The cameras are about $10,000, but worth it, when you consider we will be spending about $500,000 and it will help us not have an employee down in the barge," added Curlin.

"We have received notification from Senator Mitch McConnell's office that the Elvis Stahr Harbor will receive funding for dredging this summer," Curlin said. "We will receive the same amount of funding as in 2014, about $625,000." The funding is a part of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Maintenance for 2015. This funding will not cover the cost of dredging the entire harbor but will keep the mouth and most of the harbor open in low water conditions. Last year the Riverport received matching funding from the State of Kentucky through the Water Transportation Advisory Board to dredge the Riverport docks, and in 2012 a Delta Regional Authority grant assisted with the Port's expenses in dredging the Cargill dock. "We will apply for that same funding assistance again," noted Curlin. The dredging should take place around the same time as last year, the end of July or beginning of August.

Other funding received through the State of Kentucky is an infrastructure grant from the Water Transportation Advisory Board for maintenance of the access road for the Cargill Inc. grain facility. "We have a stretch of road, approximately 600 feet long which will be changed from asphalt to concrete," explained Curlin. "The grant amount of $86,346.50 has been awarded to the Port for this work. Cargill Inc. will be supplying the other half making the total of the project $172,693.00. This work will be beneficial for both of us."

Curlin initiated the grant when he was looking at ways to address the need to make the necessary repairs.

Curlin and Hickman Mayor David Lattus recently attended a meeting with members of the Army Corps of Engineers. "During that meeting we received an update on the levee system," stated Curlin. "A meteorologist provided us with projections on the water levels and cresting projections on the Cairo gauge, with the crest in February coming in somewhere between 25 and 30 feet." It was also noted that the highest predicted water levels will be between 28 and 38 feet in May, and the meteorologist also predicted below normal rain fall in the next 60 days.

After approving the Operating Report and minutes for January 2015, the board agreed to pay $5,000 to HIDA (Hickman Industrial Development Agency) as part of the contribution for 2014.

The board then went into closed session at approximately 6:35 p.m. pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1), (b), (g) to discuss business and property. After returning from closed session at 7:15 p.m., the meeting adjourned with the board scheduled to reconvene on Tuesday, March 24, at 6 p.m.



Sports In Kentucky
For the Hickman Courier
By Bob Watkins

March. Kentucky's basketball team has laid claim to a peak where Big Blue fan expectations live. Full summit.

A high place where 46 SEC titles brings more yawn than yea!

Whatever happens from here, smothering quick-and-cocky Arkansas, surgical ways it was done, moved the blue team to a place that transcends RPIs, wins and polls.

Perfect rhythm and harmony among men and perfect place. The top.

Yes, we know what pollsters have said all winter, but more convincing and far more entertaining, 5-man-mesh, synchronized, well-oiled, yours-mine-ours approach. And, gone to scrape heap a weak little contradiction to team game, *go-to-guy*.

UK's summit moment? Four minutes in against the Razorbacks Karl Anthony Towns sat down with two fouls. Normally, an NBA lottery projectee put in neutral with 16 minutes to go, is big trouble.

Instead, the Wildcats doubled the score. Hogs coach Mike Anderson's encouragements were lost in the cacophony from a zillion throats. He stood agog as his bunch surrendered to dry-mouth and scared-to-death (see Bobby Portis). The Hogs played that way until halftime.

Postscript: Hunch is these two will meet again in Nashville.

For that, Big Blue Nation hopes its team gets the first-half-in-Lexington Razorbacks who couldn't throw a three into the Mississippi (oh-for-nine), instead of second-half-Hogs outscored, 42-41.

Meanwhile, there is much to maintain suspense.

√ Media herd writer trying to be clever, declared: "Might as well engrave the NCAA trophy now. Put Kentucky's name on it."

√ Kiss of death? The bandwagon is officially loaded. ESPN's Dick Vitale picked UK to win NCAA title.

√ Next, the righteous will weigh in.

Much as some Kentucky fans will never lighten up on Duke, Forbes Magazine, Rolling Stone and other national heavyweights will single out, assail and satirize the Basketball Culture at Kentucky. While I support the tail-wags-dog premise, it's March, time to put aside elephant-in-the-room Calipari-ism and enjoy a kind of ballet. Case and point: The Harrisons. And, Trey Lyles' styling as a Kentucky-bred – get-out-on-break, medium-range shootist, ball fake-and-go, reverse lay-up off spin move. Ballet.

Epilogue: Anthony Davis. Leader of the 2012 NCAA title team took a question in February: How would his UK team in 2012 fare against this one? "... we would destroy them. No question."

Maybe. But, welcome to delicious arguments in March.

OBSERVATIONS

√ Alex Poythress a model for Calipari system? Scenario: Encouraged to return for 2015-16 would improve his draft spot 48th, let UK athletics trumpet academic progress, muffle one-and-done critics, help team graduation rate, and inflate team GPA next season.

√ Andrew Harrison is 50th on one NBA draft board and brother Aaron's name is nowhere. Four reasons why neither will return: Tyler Ulis, Devin Booker, newest one-and-doner, 6-3, 200-pound Isaiah Briscoe, and a shrug to stay from the coach.

√ Pouty, at times sullen kid wearing No. 41 has bloomed into Trey Lyles, man-child with a moniker: X Factor.

√ Favorite headline last week: UK Athletics to Deepen Investment in Center for Academic and Tutorial Services.

√ Phil Jackson. When a CBS camera leered into the face of New York Knicks' boss at Rupp Arena last Saturday, we wondered if the Zen master might be re-thinking his franchise's first pick in the June Draft.

Jackson is expected to draft Duke's Jahlil Okafor. Better investment: Willie Cauley-Stein.

√ NBC Sports World's end-of-February NBA mock draft projections affecting Kentucky and Louisville?

Fourth overall pick by Los Angeles Lakers, Karl Anthony-Towns; Tenth pick by Indiana Pacers, Willie Cauley-Stein. Trey Lyles 14th to Houston Rockets; Dakari Johnson 37th to Sacramento; Alex Poythress 48th to Oklahoma City; Andrew Harrison 50th to San Antonio.

Louisville's Montrezl Harrell projects 13th to the Phoenix Suns and Terry Rozier 16th to Philadelphia 76ers.

CONGRATS DEPARTMENT

Gratifying when good work, dedication and loyalty bring public commendation.

Two of the best-at-what-they-do figures in Kentucky sports are headed to a Hall of Fame – Sports Information directors Paul Just at Western Kentucky University and Kenny Klein, University of Louisville.

Just's unwavering loyalty at projecting best interests of WKU athletics over half a century is well known. Ideally, benefitting his future and ours, a book.

Klein has witnessed and played in integral role in UofL athletics' rise through four conferences – Missouri Valley, C-USA, Big East to the pinnacle, ACC.

Just and Klein join a CoSIDA Hall of Fame that already includes Roy Pickerill at Kentucky Wesleyan, Doug Vance at Murray State (now the executive director of CoSIDA), and Ed Given (WKU and Middle Tennessee).

Footnote: Paul Just's mentor at WKU was Ed Given. Klein's first boss at Murray State was Doug Vance.

And so it goes.

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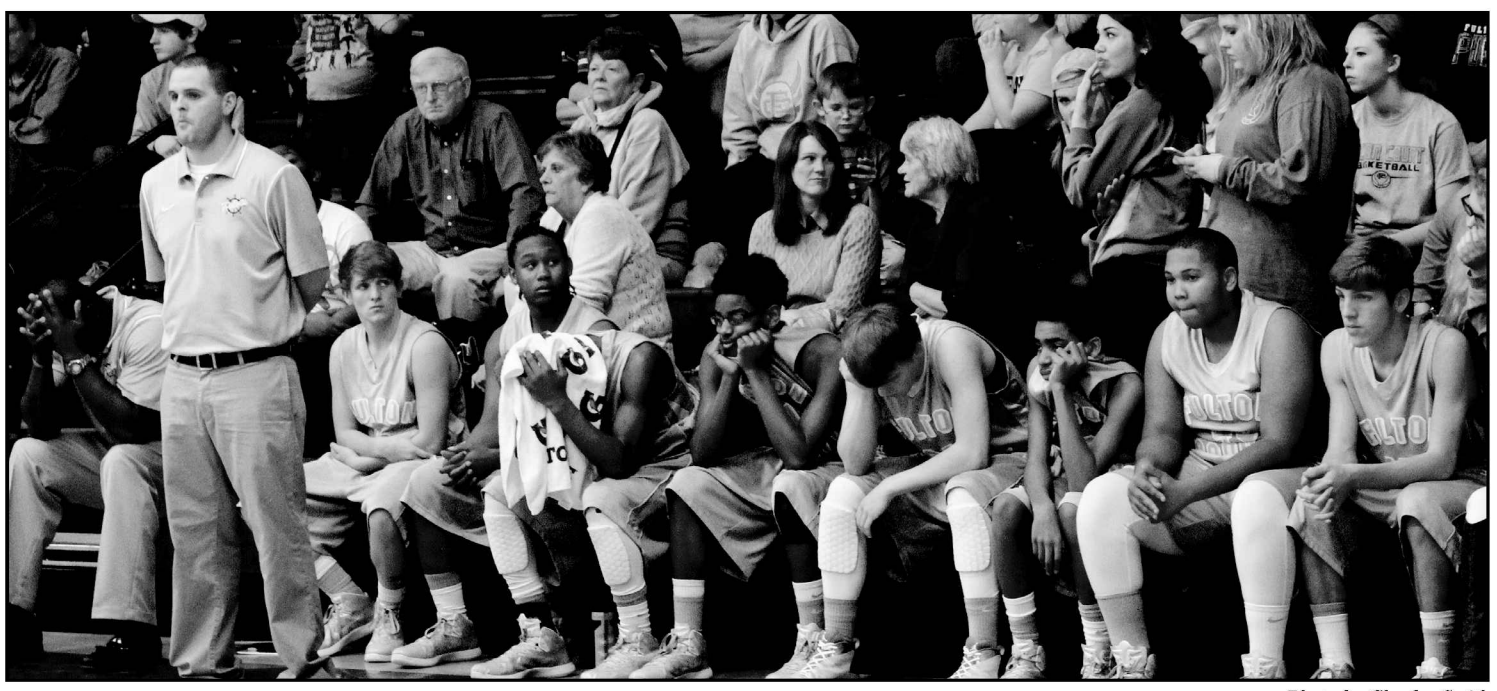


Photo by Charles Smith

ONE AND DONE - Head Coach Mitchell Williamson (standing) stares at the court, as Assistant Coach Leonard Smith (l) and Devontae Hampton (towel on head) show some of the emotions of the Pilot bench during the final moments of their loss against Fulton City. The Pilots were projected by many to contend for the First District Championship, but saw their season end in the first round of the tournament to the Bulldogs, 51-43.

Pilots season ends with 51-43 Loss

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent

Looking at the early season roster for the Fulton County Pilots basketball team, local fans saw a group of experience that could possibly make waves in both the First District and First Region.

Losing only one starter from last season's team, even Coach Mitchell Williamson felt early on that the nucleus could return the Pilots to great heights in the district and in the Regional Tournament.

Fast forward to the First District Tournament this past week at Carlisle County High School.

The (12-16) Pilots came into last Tuesday night's game facing the (8-17) Fulton City Bulldogs, a team that handily beat Fulton County 55-47 in Hickman, but lost 51-48 in Fulton.

In undoubtedly the most important game at this point of the season, and one that would at least secure a runner-up spot in the tournament and Regional berth, the Pilots played with one of their leading scorers, Davis Major, spending almost the entire time on the bench.

Fulton City came out of the gate strong taking a 16-9 first quarter lead, which they increased to their largest of the night, 26-13, with 1:40 before halftime.

With the Pilots starting the second half trailing 26-17, the biggest and best quarter of play from Coach Williamson's team came during the next eight minute period.

Fulton County mounted an 14-4 run, capped off by a Dre Smith layup at the 2:50 mark, giving them a lead of 31-30, their first since early in the first quarter.

Finishing the period with a 35-34 advantage, the Pilots would continue to play well early into the fourth quarter.



INSIDE BATTLE - Fulton County senior Steven Roberson (21) attempts to put in this shot, as Fulton City's Micheal Thomas (32) tries for the block. Roberson scored 14 points in his last game for the Pilots, who had their season ended with an opening round loss in the District Tournament to the Bulldogs.

Fulton County took their largest lead of the game, 39-36 with 5:07 to play, when Smith drained two shots from the charity stripe, and continued to hold a 41-40 lead on a Steven Roberson shot with 2:01 left in the game.

It was at this point that Coach Jimmy Long's team took control on both ends of the floor, with the Bulldog's Steven Houston starting a 13-2 run on an old fashioned three-point play, followed by baskets from Micheal Thomas and Brandon Walker.

"It's not the way we wanted to end it, but we just don't have the bench. What can you do," said Coach Williamson following the season ending loss. "I know it sounds like a cop-out to say no bench, but we had no subs to put in to counter their big guys. We played six players total in the second half, and came back to have a one point lead to start the fourth quarter. We ran out of steam at the end and took a couple of time outs to get some rest. Kids got to buy into wanting to play. If their not going to buy into playing, then you can't win."

Steven Roberson led the Pilots in scoring in the game with 14 points, followed by Aaron King 12, Dre Smith 11, Devontae Hampton 5 and Justin Jones 1.

Brandon Walker was the games high scorer for Fulton City with 17 points.

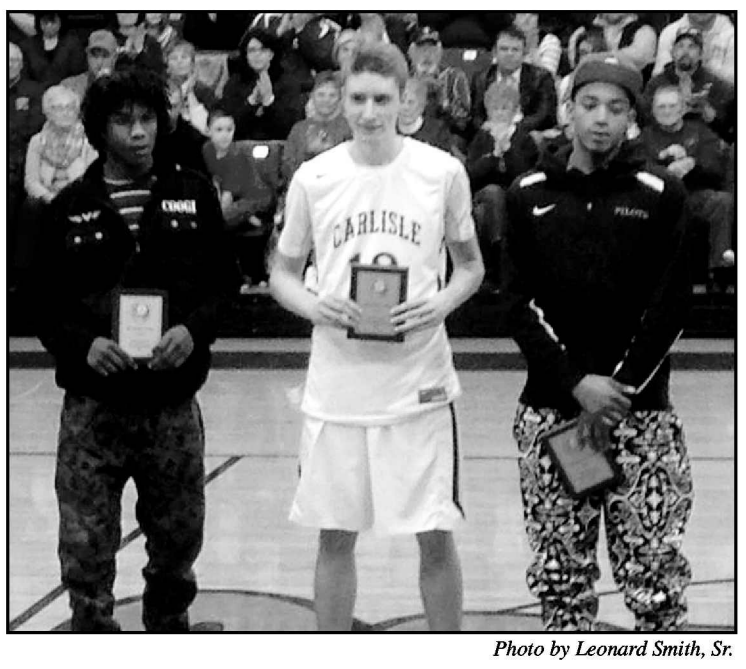


Photo by Leonard Smith, Sr.

ALL-DISTRICT HONORS - Two Fulton County Pilots basketball players were named to the All-District team on Friday, Feb. 27 following the First District Championship Game at Carlisle County. Pilot players named to the team include Dre Smith (left) and Steven Roberson (right) with a Carlisle County player in the middle.

Simple steps to seed starting success

By Melinda Myers

Get a jump on the growing season by starting your favorite or hard to find plants indoors from seeds. Starting hard to find plants, like many of the heirloom or newly introduced varieties, from seed may be the only way you will be able to add these to your garden. Plus, you'll be extending the growing season and bringing the fun of gardening indoors.

All you need is a little space, a few supplies and of course seeds to get started. Check the back of your seed packets for planting directions. Most recommend when and how to start seeds indoors as well as any other special care the seedlings will need.

Purchase, recycle or make your own containers from newspaper. Sanitize used pots by dipping them in a one part bleach and nine parts water solution and then rinsing them with clean water.

Fill the containers with a sterile well-drained potting mix or seed starting mix. Once the containers are filled, plant the seeds according to the seed packet directions.

For most seeds, plant them twice their diameter deep and gently water. Continue to water often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Extend the time between watering and increase your seed starting success by covering the container with plastic. Or purchase a seed starting kit, like the self-watering Growease seed starter kits.

Move your containers to a sunny window as soon as the seedlings emerge from the soil. Turn plants often to encourage even growth. Or increase your success by growing seedlings under artificial lights. You can make your own light system or purchase tabletop, shelf units or easy to assemble light systems, like Stack-N-Grow (gardeners.com). Keep the lights four to six inches above the top of the seedlings for best results. As the seedlings grow, be sure to maintain this distance by simply raising the lights or lowering the containers.



Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company

STARTING A GARDEN FROM SEEDS - Increase success and encourage even growth by growing seedlings under artificial lights.

Move overcrowded seedlings to larger containers once they have two sets of true leaves. The first leaves that appear are rather indistinct and are called seed leaves. The next set of leaves look more like the mature plant's leaves and are called true leaves. Once the next set of true leaves forms, it is time to transplant overcrowded seedlings.

Use a fork or spoon to carefully lift out the seedling. Clusters of seedlings can be dug and carefully teased apart before planting in individual pots. Be careful not to pinch and damage the young tender stems.

Place seedlings in their own clean container filled with moist sterile potting mix. Plant the young plants at the same depth they were growing in the original container.

Thin seedlings started in individual containers as needed. If you planted several seeds in each small container remove all but the healthiest one. Prune the weaker seedlings to ground level, so the remaining seedling can develop into a strong transplant for the garden.

Continue to grow your plants in a sunny window or under artificial lights and water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist.

Soon it will be time to move your homegrown transplants into the garden.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos and tips.

The Easley House

By David Holland
Guest Columnist

I wrote earlier and mentioned the Easley House. It was built before the Civil War, was said to have been utilized as a hospital during that conflict, but I am not sure about that; however the fighting at Columbus and some maybe at Hickman and then Island Ten may have put some wounded into Hickman. Actually, the corporation boundary was Seventh Street, so the house was just outside the town limits.

It was well constructed, and our Dad, Clardy Neal Holland, bought it along with the former turntable of the NC & St. L Railroad. He paid five dollars for that latter place although the railroad said he could have it. He wanted to make sure he had it fair and square. It was a fairly good-sized house, and it was well constructed. You can see portions of it in the stone house on Hwy. 94 now occupied by Mr. Grissom and family. The joists holding up the ground floor can be seen in the basement. They were adzed out and the barn has some big timbers that were similarly shaped. Some of the barn rafters came from the Easley House and much of the rest of the house may have also come from there.

I failed to mention the Red Shutter and used to stand across from the old Texaco Station. That was where the Easley House stood for the better part of a century.

Dad was a genius at picking up materials, and we had two piles of gravel and sand in the yard along with other materials that he was accumulating in order to build the house. Our neighbor, Mr. Floyd Lee Green, Sr. said that he was glad to see the building start, as he was tired of looking at the piles of construction materials! As mentioned earlier, Dad had acquired the rights to the old turntable stone. He had the stones lifted out one by one and trucked to the vicinity of the house site. Uncle Paul Choate brought his teams and hands along with pond scoops, called 'Fresnos' to dig out the basement. It was a commodious hole, and the sides were cut neatly. Forms were placed on the inside of the hole and Mr. Caruthers and crew from Hickman Lumber Co. made the concrete to fill in the sides to make the walls and floor of the basement. Dad had gotten two large concrete blocks with big steel posts embedded that became the structure for the upper house. The blocks were set into the ground and the floor was poured around them. Dad had also salvaged an abandoned county bridge and used the main stringers to lie across the steel pipes and that is what holds up the house. Instead of a forest of posts there are only two and the space is more usable.

Prior to pouring the walls the waterline was installed. After that, the plates were set and the walls were constructed. Mr. Arthur Watkins built the big chimney and fireplace that used to be in the basement, but has now been removed. He also constructed the fireplace in the living room.

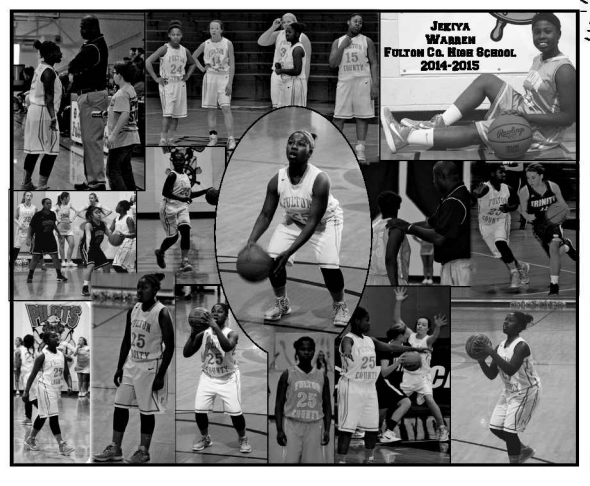
A man from Paducah came to Hickman and cut the stone and with the help of one man he put the stone on the house as you can see it today. The roofing was a made material with strands of asbestos in it, and it was to last a lifetime. Unfortunately that didn't work out and I finally had the roof replaced as it had begun leaking in places, much to Dad's regret.

So, there are timbers that are going on two centuries just east of Hickman environs. How about that? Dad and Mother built and furnished that house for less than $5,000. Think you could do that today? I suspect not. They were just patient and canny and things were cheaper then.

Many pleasant memories of that home and the land around it, a small home place and the memories still tug at my heart.

Basketball Season is Winding Down

We can go through our pictures and create a one of a kind collage from the past basketball season



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RUNNER-UP - Coaches and players gather around the trophy they were presented following the First District Tournament held at Carlisle County High School. The Lady Pilots fell in a hard fought championship game against the host Lady Comets,48-36, but secured their first trip to the First Region Tournament since the 2007-2008 season.

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Lady Pilots settle for District Runner-Up

Charles Choate
Courier Correspondent

It had been a long time since the Fulton County Lady Pilots were presented a trophy in the First District Tournament.

But now those days of waiting is over.

Coach Leonard Smith's team took home some hardware during the recent District Tournament, and also accomplished a season goal of securing a spot in the First Region Tournament in Murray.

"Of course we wanted to win the district, and we felt like we could, but you know we can't be anything but happy to be where we are," said Coach Smith following the tournament. "We gave it all we had on into the last quarter, but a couple of missed shots late let them (Carlisle County) pull ahead and we couldn't catch up. You know, we'll take it as a learning experience and be glad to go back to the Region. This was a well played season with a winning record. It's been a long time since we have been to this point, but this won't be the last time this team is in this position."



INSIDE SHOT - (At left) Fulton County's KyLira Williams (24) puts in this shot to tie the score early in the fourth quarter of the First District Championship game. Williams, and teammate Lucy Kimble, each chipped in 13 points, but it was Carlisle County taking the win 48-36.

The Lady Pilots fell in the championship game to the host Lady Comets 48-36, but secured their spot in the championship game with an opening round 48-34 win over Fulton City.

Lady Pilots 48 Fulton City 34
(at Carlisle Co. High School)

The Lady Pilots punched their ticket to the First District championship after a strong second half against the Lady Bulldogs.

Leading 13-9 at the end of the first quarter and 28-21 at halftime, Fulton County turned it up a gear the final two quarters to post the 14-point win.

"The snow days from school actually gave us time to heal some injuries and to really be ready to play this game," said Coach Leonard Smith. "We played excellent and played hard. I knew that if we could add to our halftime lead early on in the third quarter, that we could take control. Making the run in the third was big for us. The girls were hungry to win and they put in a total team effort."

Taking a 39-26 lead into the final quarter, the Lady Pilots took their largest advantage of the game, 47-30, on a driving lay-up by Alana Coffey with 1:57 to play.

KyLira Williams was the games high scorer for Fulton County with 12 points, followed by Lucy Kimble 11, Alana Coffey 8, Leslie Beth Jackson 6, Jocelyn Mosley 6 and Jekiya Warren 5.

Fulton City was led in the game by Marlena Dickerson with 10 points.

Carlisle County 48
Lady Pilots 36
(at Carlisle Co. High School)

A strong effort by the Lady Pilots to capture the district crown came up short in the 12-point loss to the host Lady Comets.

The two teams met on the court this season four times, with Fulton County picking up one win in the hotly contested games.

"You know, sometimes you just have to have a little luck here and there with your play," said Coach Smith. "We had a couple of crucial turnovers late and missed too many free throws. But there was no quitting in this team. They gave it all they had and put in 32 minutes on the floor. Playing on their home floor, you know we had to have our best from start to finish. It was still a great effort and I am really proud of my team. They fought as hard as they could"

Carlisle County jumped out to a 10-4 lead, that increased to 13-6 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, it was all Lady Pilots as a 15-0 run, capped off by a Leslie Beth Jackson shot at the 2:21 point, gave Coach Smith's team a 21-13 advantage.

The Lady Comets did counter during the final minutes to score six unanswered points, with Fulton County holding a 21-19 halftime edge.

The third period was a close back-and-forth battle that ended with a three-point shot at the buzzer by Lucy Kimble, which cut Carlisle's lead to 29-27.

The fourth quarter was all Lady Comets following a 31-31 tie at the 6:09 mark, with the eventual district champions mounting a 17-5 run down the stretch.

Lucy Kimble and KyLira Williams each contributed 13 points for Fulton County, with Leslie Beth Jackson scoring 4, Jocelyn Mosley 3, Jekiya Warren 2 and Alana Coffey 1.

Taylor Carrico led all scorers with 16 points for Carlisle County.

Following the game, Jackson, Coffey, Kimble and Williams were named to the "All-District Team" for the Lady Pilots.



ALL DISTRICT - These four Lady Pilots basketball players were honored for their performances on the court this season, that helped produce 15 team wins. Selected to the "All-District Team" following the First District Tournament was (l-r) Leslie Beth Jackson, Lucy Kimble, KyLira Williams and Alana Coffey.

Senior Spotlight

Ryne Choate



Parent's names: Charles and April Choate
Sisters names: Kara Choate Readnour
Sports you play (if any): Golf and Baseball
Church and/or community involvement: I go to church at West Hickman Baptist Church.
Plans after graduation: Go to college at Bethel University and play golf for four years and get my Bachelor's degree in elementary education and come back to Fulton County or another high school to coach.
Clubs and Activities, Accomplishments, Hobbies, Interests, etc.: Skills USA, 2014 All District Baseball team, 2014 Runner-up in All "A" Classic in Golf, 2014 All Regional Golf team, Team medalist in Golf.
Favorite part of school: Being able to learn and be with my friends
Something interesting about yourself: I love playing sports and being active and made a 21 on my ACT
Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School (any year): Getting 2nd place in the All "A" Classic and being able to go to the State Golf Tournament, also yelling Jimmy in class when Jimmy would walk in the classroom

Linsey Grissom



Parent's names: Lynn and Treva Grissom
Brothers names: Grant Grissom and Trace Grissom
Sports you play (if any): Softball
Plans after graduation: Attend Murray State University to major in athletic training
Clubs and Activities, Accomplishments, Hobbies, Interests, etc.: HOSA President, Pilot Army officer, on course to graduate with 45 college hours, FBLA, JAM/FCA, FBLA, Beta, Science Club, Pilot Academy, Prom Committee, Playing softball, interested in sports.
Favorite part of school: Hanging out with Williamson when I didn't want to go to class
Something interesting about yourself: I've played on the high school softball team since 7th grade.
Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School (any year): Jumping into the pool our Junior year when we took class pictures at Mrs. Pat's house.

Congratulations Ryne Choate
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WRECK INJURES FIVE - The Fulton County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) was dispatched to a wreck on KY 94 West at approximately 2:09 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Jwan Galicia, of Dyersburg, Tenn., was driving a 2005 Nissan registered to Shelia Jelks of Dyersburg. According to the FCSO Galicia lost control of the vehicle as he crossed the railroad track in the lower bottom near KY 1282.The vehicle left the roadway and overturned in a large ditch containing water. There were four passeners in the vehicle, which included Brandon Sharp of Dyersburg, Brianna Moore of Union City, Tenn., Raneshia Warren of Hickman, Ky. and Lashenda Pugh also of Dyersburg. All had injuries. The Tri-Cities Ambulance, Lake County Ambulance and Air Evac all responded to the accident, transporting individuals to hospitals. The FCSO worked the accident and was aided by the Fulton County Rescue Squad and these other agencies. *(Photo courtesy of Allen's Towing and Recovery.)*



Photo by Charles Choate

FOWL FIRE - Hickman fire fighters were called to the home of Bro. Jason and Kelly Sipes, on Broadway Street, to extinguish a blaze in a chicken coup. The coup contained 12 chickens and was a total loss. Bro. Sipes said a heat lamp, used to combat single digit temperatures, apparently started the fire.

Pilot Academy

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Campbell is the FRF Chairman. Brenda Mahan, Vice Chair, and David Gallagher, board member, were in attendance on Wednesday.

The cultural change at FCHS has not been lost on Principal Ellen Murphy. "I have seen the change with my own eyes," she said enthusiastically. "Students like Courtney Watts are in my office on a daily basis asking when can she sign up for the ACT and how to enroll in dual credit classes." Students must achieve certain benchmarks, like obtaining a 19 in math, to become eligible for dual credit classes.

"My passion is getting these students ready for the work force," added Fulton County ATC Principal Terry Sullivan. "When they go on to college they still need to be able to hold down a job."

Sullivan proudly announced that 100% of FCHS Seniors all passed the Work Keys test.

"We are here for two reasons," stated Tina Payne with WKCTC. "The kids and the community."

"I feel it is a privilege to see the cultural change that has occurred at Fulton County," said Trent Johnson, also with WKCTC. "These students often note that their role models are Ellen Murphy, Terry Sullivan and Ronnie Harper."

"Yes, we want you at MSU," noted Lori Mitchum of MSU, "But more importantly we want you to go to college somewhere." Mitchum also mentioned names of former students who have been impacted by the success of the Pilot Academy. Students such as Ashley Wiseman, Sean Edgin, Charley Lattus and Abby Miller, just to name a few.

"One of the four pillars at MSU is community engagement," Mark Welch, also with MSU noted. "We are definitely seeing that here today." Welch encouraged all the students in the room to attend MSU.

Student Testimonials

Five students gave heartwarming testimonies on the impact the Pilot Academy has had on their lives, including Travis Crumble, Zach Gilbert, Sam Bing, Annagrace Ligons and Linsey Grissom.

"Thank you to Mrs. Murphy and the community," began Crumble. "She (Mrs. Murphy) makes me believe that there is someone out there who cares about my education, so maybe I should care too. Thank you to all who have made the Pilot Academy possible." Crumble would like to study engineering and work with his hands.

Gilbert, a student who transferred from another county, sees a world of difference at Fulton County. "At my other school there were so many students, that teachers didn't seem to care," he said. "But not Fulton County. Now I am enrolled at MSU and I will be the first doctor in my family." Gilbert plans to study Psychology. He attributes his success to Murphy, Sullivan and retired ATC Principal Tom Pyron.

Bing extended her gratitude toward the community, colleges and teachers for enriching her passion in education. "I plan to pursue my degree in education at the University of Kentucky," she said. "Thank you for assisting me with this goal."

Ligons is also grateful for the ability to take dual credit courses through the high school. "I am a student of a single parent household and the Pilot Academy is helping me to pursue my dream of studying agriculture," Ligons said as she got teary-eyed. "Because of taking the classes through MSU and WKCTC, I now have a game plan. I know how to get online and work the software. I will know what to expect when I go to college. Yes, the classes are hard and we need to stay on top if it, but we are doing it."

Grissom, a student who has taken full advantage of the opportunities provided to her through the Pilot Academy thanked everyone for the opportunity. "I have 42 college hours," she said proudly. "Thanks for that." When Grissom attends college in the fall, she will be enrolled as a sophomore.

MVP Job Fair is March 11

MVP Group International, LLC has scheduled a job fair on Wednesday, March 11 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Pontotoc Civic Center located at 100 East State Line Road in Fulton, Kentucky. The company will be recruiting experienced manufacturing workers for their Fulton facility.

In March 2013, Governor Steve Beshear announced that MVP would be creating 150 new, full-time jobs in Fulton. Since then the facility has been working to establish production lines and build a quality workforce. The March 11th job fair will help the company to recruit additional positions. All successful candidates will be hired directly by MVP Group International and will require a proven record of manufacturing experience.

To apply, individuals will complete a job application which will be provided at the job fair. Positions available include: maintenance technicians, lab technicians, quality assurance technicians, team leads, and production supervisors.

All job-seekers are invited to attend, but only those with a minimum of three years of manufacturing experience, will be allowed to submit an application.

"We need experienced, responsible manufacturing workers at this time," explained Jeanna Tucker, MVP Human Resources Director. "Applications from those without experienced manufacturing will be used to fill entry-level positions as needed."

For more information or to receive an application packet before March 11th, please visit or call the Kentucky Career Center at 270-247-3857. The Kentucky Career Center is located 319 S. 7th Street, Mayfield, KY 42066.

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Athlete of the Week



BOOSTER HONOR - Pilot athletes are the High School Girl's Basketball team have been named the Fulton County Booster Club's "Athletes of the Week" for their recent District Runner up Title and eligibility to participate in Regional play.

Team members include back row (l-r) Alana Coffey, Dixie Major, Jocelyn Mosley, and Leslie Beth Jackson; middle row, Zaria Ervin, AnnaGregory Grissom, Lucy Kimble, Jada Beth Mathews; Jekyia Warren, KyLira Williams, and Daisy Major. Not pictured is Leah Weatherly.

Congratulations

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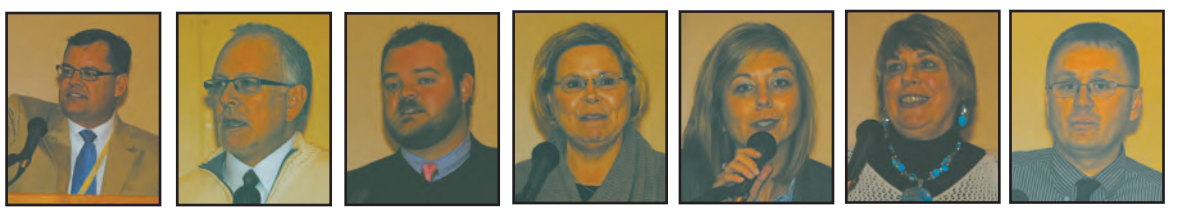
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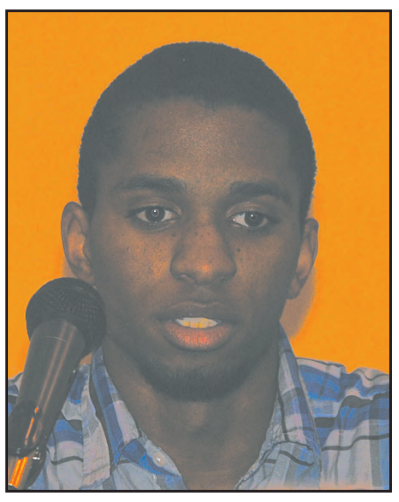


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